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Today's Topics:

                    Bad News For Blind U.S. Hams :-(  
                                blind VEs (3 msgs)  
                    Buying radios without a license  
                    carrying a copy of your license (WAS:  
                    carrying a copy of your license (WAS: exit) (2 msgs)  
                                Ham w/ Best Scanner Ability  
Important!: Field Day Packet Contacts can be disqualified! (2 msgs)  
                    More info on Minnesota scanner law  
                    radio newsgroups in "USENET Readership report for May 93"

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 3 Jun 1993 18:10:46 GMT  
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!slc20!  
wwhitby@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: Bad News For Blind U.S. Hams :-(  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I have always believed that a person is only as handicapped as they think  
they are!

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Warren Whitby                      wwhitby@mtgy.gtegsc.com  
GTE Government Systems  
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| For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that |  
| whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting |  
life (John 3:16)

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Date: 2 Jun 93 21:26:30 GMT  
From: sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!uwm.edu!logicse!psgrain!m2xenix!clark!  
pacifier!mikef@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: blind VEs  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <lug2ep\$8h9@network.ucsd.edu> brian@network.ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor)  
writes:

>There is little that blind people cannot do when aided by the proper  
>equipment. For example, at one startup firm where I worked, the  
>purchasing agent was completely blind, yet was able to conduct business  
>in a competent way by use of a reading machine, and a few additions I  
>made to his telephone.

>

Bravo!

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>I would think that an action under the Americans with Disabilities Act  
>would have the FCC in deep shit quickly on this one.

It ought to. However, Congress, in it's infinite wisdom, saw to  
it that the Federal Government (and its agencies) is not  
covered under the A.D.A. However, Section 504 of the  
Rehabilitation Act as Amended (which is similar to A.D.A. in its  
prohibition against discriminatory treatment) \*does\* apply to  
the Federal Government and its agencies. A 504 complaint very  
well might work.

You can bet that the consumer organizations of the blind --  
the National Federation of the Blind and the American Council  
of the Blind -- both of which have active ham groups -- will  
take notice and seek a remedy for this discriminatory FCC action.

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Date: 2 Jun 93 21:20:18 GMT  
From: usc!wupost!uwm.edu!logicse!psgrain!m2xenix!clark!pacifier!  
mikef@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: blind VEs  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <9306011608.AA16292@ucsd.edu>

William=E.=Newkirk%Pubs%GenAv.Mlb@ns14.cca.CR.rockwell.COM writes:

>>My personal view on this, as a blind Extra Class ham is that the FCC is wrong.  
>>Blind people can (and have) given exams (both as teachers and professors,  
>>to sighted students and I'm certain as VE') for quite some time now. They have  
>>done so successfully, since these teachers are still employed ... The fact  
>>that these blind people are blind has not hindered their ability to "observe"  
>>their surroundings. This is probably one of the silliest (and stupidest and  
>>lots of other things) thing I've heard from the FCC in some time.

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>Okeh....so just how does one who can't see:

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> check ID

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> grade the tests

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See my last post on this subject. Short answer: one uses a reader/emanuensis. Or, I suppose if the checkmarks were written clearly and the exams well-printed, one could use an Optacon. But the reader makes most sense. If you're worried about the reader cheating -- well, that's the responsibility of the blind VE to prevent and his/her VE status should be pulled if he/she can't seem to prevent such goings-on -- just as one would do for any other VE.

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> detect the two deaf people in the back of the room signing to each  
> other.

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You can generally hear two people signing. You could also arrange to have the exams administered to each of them individually. Just takes a little ingenuity.

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> fill out the forms (or more to the point, know the forms are filled  
> out correctly....)

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Have the reader read the forms, line-by-line. If the reader goofs, fire the reader!

If you're going down that road, you might as well ask me how I do my taxes (I do the calculations and dictate the answers to my reader or my wife) or how I fill out any of a dozen other forms.

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>it goes on and on from here as well. I can appreciate the effort and desire  
>of the sightless one to participate and in many amateur radio activities there  
>are no problems, but this is probably one that is out until the LaForge Visor  
>is developed.

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The techniques I've described work perfectly well and are time-honored.  
They still leave the blind person in control and responsible  
for the situation. This is as it should be.

Question: would you have disqualified FDR as Commander-in-chief because  
he had poleo?

>  
>if you can't see, i'd bet it'd be hard to call a baseball game as well.

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Perhaps -- but you could certainly manage the team. The analogy  
is incorrect in any event as an umpire is evaluating physical  
events -- whether the batter "went around" or held up,  
whether the ball was in the strike zone as it went by,  
whether the pitcher executed a balk, etc. etc. etc. whereas  
the task of the blind VE is to see that the exams are fairly  
given, no one cheats, the forms correctly filled out and the  
scores accurately computed -- intellectual exercises, for the most part.

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>bill (terribly nearsighted but correctable) wb9ivr

Ask us blind hams how we do things; we'll be glad to tell you.

73!

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Date: Thu, 3 Jun 1993 15:51:25 GMT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!  
resdgs1.er.usgs.gov!tbodoh@ames.arpa  
Subject: blind VEs  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <C80J9w.CCK@pacifier.rain.com>, mikef@pacifier.rain.com (Mike Freeman)  
writes:

|> If you're going down that road, you might as well ask me how  
|> I do my taxes (I do the calculations and dictate the answers

|> to my reader or my wife) or how I fill out any of a dozen other  
|> forms.

Does your wife call you a dictator like mine does to me?

|>  
|> Ask us blind hams how we do things; we'll be glad to tell you.  
|>

Out of curiosity, how do you read your netnews postings and email? Do you have a reader that converts text to synthesized voice? I take it that you enter your news postings and email using a braille keyboard - or do you know the keyboard by layout? Either way, I notice a lot fewer typos in your postings than many other (assumed) sighted posters.

|> 73!  
|> --  
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+ "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P  
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Date: 3 Jun 93 16:35:19 CDT  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!  
ux1.cso.uiuc.edu!uwm.edu!linac!uchinews!raistlin!timbuk.cray.com!hemlock.cray.com!  
cherry10!dadams@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: Buying radios without a license  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article t4b@techbook.techbook.com, genew@techbook.techbook.com (Gene Wolford) writes:

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|Gene "I support ALL of the Constitution" Wolford  
|  
|The ARRL fights for my radio privileges.

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|  
|The NRA protects my Second Amendment rights!  
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I am of the opinion that had radio been around in the 18th Century that the founders would have found a place to protect it in between the first and second ammendments. ;^)

I personally think that protecting ameteur radio can do more to protect liberty than the second amendment. (Of course the right to communicate without the right to defend oneself doesn't do much good, and vice versa.)

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--David C. Adams Statistician Cray Research Inc. dadams@cray.com  
-Sourdough and Ham- NOWWN

- Minnesotans for Global Warming!

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Date: 3 Jun 93 13:24:04 CDT  
From: usc!wupost!uwm.edu!linac!uchinews!raistlin!timbuk.cray.com!hemlock.cray.com!  
cherry10!dadams@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: carrying a copy of your license (WAS:  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article 1no@hp-col.col.hp.com, jms@col.hp.com (Mike Stansberry) writes:

|from part 97, Section 97.9, 'Operator license'

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| \ (sc 97.9 Operator license.

| (a) There are 5 classes of operator licenses: Novice,  
| Technician, General, Advanced and Amateur Extra. An operator  
| license authorizes the holder to be the control operator of a  
| station with the privileges of the operator class specified on  
| the license. The license document or a photocopy thereof must be  
| in the personal possession of the licensee at all times when the  
| person is the control operator of a station.

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| Since you are the control operator when you operate your Amateur  
| Radio transmitter, you are required to meet the above.

Right. But what if you are not operating the transmitter? Are you still required to meet the above? What if you wife (non-ham) is driving your car to the store while her car is in the shop? (Assuming the radio is off.) Can she

be arrested and the radio confiscated?

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Date: 3 Jun 1993 14:04:37 GMT  
From: sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!jms@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: carrying a copy of your license (WAS: exit)  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

> According to what I've always been told, you're required to do this anyways.  
> Everyone I've ever talked to has told me the same story...if you operate  
> anywhere other than your primary station location (where the license is  
> prominently displayed), you're required to have a copy on your person if  
> you operate any amateur radio gear.

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> The FCC regs may or may not actually say this (I've never looked it up),  
> but with the number of different people who have told me this, I'd say it's  
> at least in the ``good idea'' department, if not required by law.

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Since you are the control operator when you operate your Amateur Radio transmitter, you are required to meet the above.

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Date: Thu, 3 Jun 1993 20:33:25 GMT  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!news.ucdavis.edu!othello.ucdavis.edu!  
ez006683@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: carrying a copy of your license (WAS: exit)  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Jim Graham (jim@n5ial.mythical.com) wrote:

: In article <1993Jun1.114618.1@skyler.mavd.honeywell.com>

: estey@skyler.mavd.honeywell.com writes:

: [Regarding exemption for hams from MN scanner law]

: >This means you MUST carry a copy of your license if you are using - or

: >transporting - a device capable of receiving law enforcement transmissions.

: According to what I've always been told, you're required to do this anyways.

: Everyone I've ever talked to has told me the same story...if you operate

: anywhere other than your primary station location (where the license is

: prominently displayed), you're required to have a copy on your person if

: you operate any amateur radio gear.

I think the point the previous poster was trying to make was that one would be required to carry their license with them when they are in the car even when they are not transmitting on their amateur gear. You do need your license or a photocopy on your person when operating you amateur station.

Dan

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* Daniel D. Todd      Packet: KC6UUD@WA6RDH.#nocal.ca.usa      *
*                    Internet: DDTODD@ucdavis.edu              *
*                    Snail Mail: 1750 Hanover #102              *
*                    Davis CA 95616                            *
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*      I do not speak for the University of California....      *
*      and it sure as hell doesn't speak for me!!              *
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Date: 3 Jun 93 17:24:09 GMT

From: overload.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!

sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.kei.com!ub!dsinc!netnews.upenn.edu!

netnews.cc.lehigh.edu!lafcol!norfolk@@dog.ee.lbl.gov

Subject: Ham w/ Best Scanner Ability

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I am trying to find out which ham radio out there has the best scanner abilities..

i am especially curious

if it picks up the 800 MHZ and also 45-50 MHZ.. it doesn't matter if this is

before or after modification..

and also if with modification one could transmit on these bands? Just curious...



Evan

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Date: 3 Jun 93 15:28:48 EDT  
From: olivea!sgigate!sgiblab!wetware!spunky.RedBrick.COM!psinntp!psinntp!  
arrl.org@decwrl.dec.com  
Subject: Important!: Field Day Packet Contacts can be disqualified!  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

>However, Warren warned me about two things that may not be obvious  
>regarding packet operation for Field Day.

>Warren said that packet contacts which use non-amateur means of  
>communication, specifically Internet, are not qualified for Field Day  
>points.

>I asked Warren "What if you don't know that the Internet is being used?".  
>He said "If we find out, those points will be disqualified". I did not  
>specifically ask about wormholes such as the Simi Valley-CAPRA link,  
>but I assume these are the same, they are non-amateur landline networks,  
>which is what the term "Internet" generally describes.

>My concern is that net/rom routes can be "opaque"; i.e., you may not  
>know what kind of technology is used to link the nodes, and may  
>inadvertently make illegal Field Day QSOs. (rest deleted)

This requires further clarification.

It is \*NOT\* the intent of the rules to prohibit FD packet contacts  
that take place over packet links that are partly facilitated by  
non-amateur radio means. As long as BOTH termini of the QSO are using  
amateur radio communication means in amateurs radio bands, they are  
complying with the Field Day rules.

>Another issue is that packet contacts, whether by a conventional  
>station or by the Packet-only station, count as CW QSOs. Therefore,  
>if you operate HF in your packet station, you need to make sure to  
>dupe CW QSOs by any station with packet QSOs by any station. I.e., if you  
>have a 20m CW station and he works KK6JQ on CW, and your Packet station  
>works KK6JQ on 20m packet, you only get to count one of the QSOs.

This requires further clarification.

Packet QSOs made at a conventional station (one of the main transmitters) count for CW QSOs and QSO points (2 points each). Therefore it is a dupe if you work KR1R on CW and KR1R on packet on the same band.

But, packet QSOs made from the 'packet bonus points station' are logged as a 'separate' band. Therefore packet QSOs are checked for duplicate contacts only within the packet 'separate' band. These QSOs also count 2 point each for QSO points.

Contest Guru....."we check 'em all"

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Billy Lunt, KR1R	Voice: 203-666-1541	
Contest Manager	FAX: 203-665-7531	
American Radio Relay League	ARRL BBS: 203-666-0578	
225 Main Street	BBS Uploads: 203-665-0090	
Newington, CT 06111	Internet: blunt@arrl.org	
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Date: 4 Jun 1993 01:43:49 GMT  
From: usc!wupost!darwin.sura.net!haven.umd.edu!cville-srv.wam.umd.edu!ni.umd.edu!  
sayshell.umd.edu!louie@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: Important!: Field Day Packet Contacts can be disqualified!  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Jun02.181231.195360@locus.com> dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

>In summary:

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> \* Packet QSOs may use digipeaters and net/rom, but must not  
> use non-amateur services, regardless of whether you know or  
> not.

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> \* Packet QSOs dupe against CW QSOs.

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>If you have any questions or comments, please contact "contest@arrl.org"  
>or Warren Stankiewicz of the ARRL at (203) 666-1541.

I think this contesting thing is getting just a little out of hand. I thought that field day was relatively immune from the mass of rules and fine print that infest real contests. [You know, then ones where the definition of what a "Country" is determined in the twilight zone?]

I always looked at Field Day as the contest for "the rest of us".

More often than not, it was an excuse to take to the woods with random radio hacks, junk food and many containers of beer. REAL hams out on FD had enough generator capacity to run the microwave oven AND the TV at the same time.

We would also make some contacts, too. Also to prepare and rehearse our "emergency communications" skills. Maybe even engage in a REAL QSO or two rather than standard QSO #599? We need an anti-contest-operate-in-the-woods-and-drink-beer event; the kind Dave Barry would appreciate.

Sigh.

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Date: 2 Jun 1993 11:47:40 -0500  
From: pravda.sdsc.edu!news.cerf.net!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!concert!news-feed-1.peachnet.edu!umn.edu!email.sp.paramax.com!not-for-mail@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: More info on Minnesota scanner law  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

tbodoh@resdgs1.er.usgs.gov (Tom Bodoh) writes:

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> --  
> Hello,  
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> I posted on Friday about the proposed revision to the Minnesota  
> scanner law which would eliminate the exemption for Amateurs. Following  
> is the name, address and phone number of the author of the ammendment;  
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Hold your phone calls and letters on this one. This has been a dead issue for several months.

1) the legislature is not in session.

2) Howard Mark contacted the ammendment author when the ammendment was introduced and explained the impact of the ammendment as worded. The author withdrew the ammendment at that time.

The ammendment author does not have anything against hams. The ammendment was introduced at the suggestion of a law enforcement officer.

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Date: Wed, 2 Jun 1993 18:56:28 MDT

From: overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!  
 sol.ctr.columbia.edu!destroyer!cs.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!kakwa.ucs.ualberta.ca!  
 alberta!adec23!ve6mgs!usenet@@dog.ee.lbl.gov  
 Subject: radio newsgroups in "USENET Readership report for May 93"  
 To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

The following is an excerpt from the May '93 USENET Readership report. It has the top 5 groups by readership plus all the groups with "radio" in their names.

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 From: reid@decwrl.DEC.COM (Brian Reid)  
 Newsgroups: news.lists  
 Subject: USENET Readership report for May 93  
 Summary: data for all groups  
 Date: 2 Jun 93 13:57:11 GMT  
 Organization: DEC Network Systems Laboratory

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	Estimated total number of people who read the group, worldwide.	Actual number of readers in sampled population	Propagation: how many sites receive this group at all	Recent traffic (messages per month)	Recent traffic (kilobytes per month)	Crossposting percentage	Cost ratio: \$US/month/rdr	Share: % of newssiders who read this group.	
	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
1	230000	4611	92%	1	13.6	100%	0.00	10.0%	news.announce.newusers
2	230000	4447	88%	1	29.2	100%	0.00	9.7%	news.answers
3	190000	3729	85%	1473	2931.4	24%	0.02	8.1%	misc.jobs.offered
4	190000	3667	67%	2377	5132.2	36%	0.03	8.0%	alt.sex
5	170000	3327	83%	67	123.9	0%	0.00	7.2%	rec.humor.funny
315	41000	810	76%	1861	4028.8	6%	0.13	1.8%	rec.radio.amateur.misc
341	40000	782	78%	527	1189.6	9%	0.04	1.7%	rec.radio.shortwave
503	32000	636	74%	305	342.6	6%	0.01	1.4%	rec.radio.swap
623	28000	557	75%	246	398.4	6%	0.02	1.2%	
rec.radio.amateur.packet									
753	25000	492	59%	491	873.2	5%	0.03	1.1%	alt.radio.scanner
913	21000	412	75%	12	23.5	17%	0.00	0.9%	rec.radio.noncomm
923	21000	404	74%	401	848.0	2%	0.05	0.9%	
rec.radio.amateur.policy									
962	20000	386	62%	132	815.0	3%	0.04	0.8%	rec.radio.info
1037	18000	355	73%	84	182.7	6%	0.01	0.8%	rec.radio.cb
1252	14000	278	49%	84	109.1	1%	0.01	0.6%	alt.radio.pirate
1271	14000	273	63%	156	403.3	5%	0.03	0.6%	rec.radio.broadcasting
1426	12000	228	30%	-	-	-	-	0.5%	alt.internet.talk-radio
1715	7700	152	36%	7	8.4	14%	0.00	0.3%	rec.ham-radio

